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Dear Dr. Jarvik:

I was delighted to get your letter of May 3. I have been away in Washington during the greater part of the last several months and I deeply regret that I have not been able to keep in touch with you.

I enjoyed our conferences very much and I would like to have you submit a bill to me for these consultations at your convenience.

The Missouri case which you mention was actually decided some time ago, but for some reason it has only recently come to public notice. This was a suit brought by a man who developed cancer of the pyriform fossa which he alleged was caused by smoking. We won a jury verdict in the federal court in Kansas City and this was upheld on appeal.

Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives have just concluded hearings on bills to regulate the labeling of cigarettes and the Senate Committee is expected to act on these proposals quite soon. The latest reports indicate that they are likely to approve a bill calling for some kind of warning on the cigarette package.

The medical testimony presented in the Committee hearings consisted principally of discussions of the epidemiological studies and clinical and experimental observations concerning smoking in relation to various diseases.

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I wonder if you noticed an article in the Times referring to the work of Dr. Bovet in Italy in which he reported that administration of nicotine improved the learning time of mice. I am unable to put my hands on the article at the moment, but as soon as I locate it I shall send it along to you.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Holtzman

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